SUBJECT No. 68.

Remission of assessment.

(a) Messrs. C. Guru Rao, Nanjangud Taluk; Veerappa Reddi, Bangalore Taluk; Suryanaranappa, Sonne Gowda and Byre Gowda, Kolar Taluk; Krishnappa, Bagepalli Taluk; M. S. Ramachar, Kolar Municipality; and Shanbhog Ramappa, Challakere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The question of granting remissions of assessment on lands under tanks in years of deficient rainfall was represented often and last year Government were pleased to reply that the proposal would be considered and orders passed. The subject is urged again for early orders of Government.

Mr. Ramachar said that His Highness the Maharaja had, during his recent visit to the Kolar District, stated in reply to an address that it was not possible to issue any general rules in the matter, but that in any case where, owing to failure of sources of water-supply due to breaches of tanks or other causes, relief was necessary, it would be given. In view of His Highness assurances given in the speech, he would not further press the subject. The members were thankful to Government for the consideration shown but desired that in seasons of scarcity the Deputy Commissioner should be given discretion to grant remissions and suspend recovery of assessment.

(b) Mr. H. Rama Rao, Tumkur Taluk; and

Mr. Vembar Venkata Narasimhachar, Tumkur District Board.

(*b*) Lands irrigated by talaparige, jopu and halla water have natural sources of irrigation without the outlay of any capital by Government. It is prayed that in times of scarcity remission of half the assessment on such lands may be ordered.

(c) Deputy Commissioners to grant remissions.

(*c*) Deputy Commissioners and, subject to their approval, Jamabandi Officers may be empowered to pass final orders as to remissions as in His Majesty's territories, when either no crop is raised or dry crops are raised on wet lands for want of water-supply in the tanks or other sources on which they are dependent.

(d) Mr. H. Rama Rao, Tumkur Taluk.

(*d*) In the case of lands irrigated from wells no distinction was made and they were assessed with wet rates like other lands dependent on tanks.

Reply of Government.—(*a*, *b* and *c*). Final orders have been passed in the matter in Government Order No. R. 1241-2—L. R. 331-04-6, dated 10th August 1907.

When relief is decided upon in any case, steps will be taken to see that it reaches the raiyat in time.

(*d*) The rules of 1902 make very liberal concessions regarding the assessment of well-irrigated lands. In the case of self-dependent wells, the lands are merely charged with dry rates.

SUBJECT No. 69.

Mohatarfa on huts.

Messrs. Suryanaranappa, Sonne Gowda and Byre Gowda, Kolar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It was represented last year that poor villagers should be exempted from the payment of mohatarfa; and the Government were pleased to reply that the question would be considered in connection with the revision of the mohatarfa rules. The disposal of the

matter may be expedited as taxes are levied from these villagers in various ways.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration in connection with the Mohatarfa Regulation.

SUBJECT No. 70.

Abolition of tax on kanas.

Mr. Srinivas Sitaram Kulkarni, Harihar Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The subject of entirely abolishing the tax on kanas was brought forward last year, when the Government replied that the question was under correspondence and the matter would be disposed of soon. The matter is again submitted as final orders are not yet passed.

Reply of Government.—A report has been received from the Revenue Commissioner and early orders will be passed in the matter.

SUBJECT No. 71.

Kan-holders may be permitted to make use of dead trees and leaves in kans.

Mr. H. Shama Rao, Sagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Kan-holders may be allowed to utilize dead trees other than of the reserved kinds and to make use of dried leaves for manure for adjoining lands beyond the limits of the kan, as it is impossible to utilize the leaves within the kan, pepper vine not being cultivated.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 72.

Grant of land for planting fruit and fuel trees.

Mr. Dodvenkatarama Reddi, Chintamani Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In village forests, convenient localities may be granted to the raiyats for planting honge and other fruit trees. After the trees come to bearing, a half share may be given to the raiyats who planted and reared them. This will be a sort of encouragement to the raiyats, besides being profitable to Government.

Reply of Government.—The revised rules contained in Appendix H of the Land Revenue Rules provide sufficiently for this. Proposals are also under consideration to encourage the growth of trees on gomal and kharab lands.

SUBJECT No. 73.

Throwing open for cultivation lands out of Amrut Mahal kavals, State Forests and Date reserves.

(*a*) Mr. B. Ranganna, Kadur District Board.

(*b*) Messrs. H. R. Tiruvengadaswami Mudaliar and W.C. PetrieHay, Hunsur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Extensive lands have been unnecessarily reserved for Amrut Mahal kavals, State Forests and Excise groves, causing much inconvenience to the raiyats for lands for cultivation. In many cases these reserves extend up to the very sites of villages. It is therefore prayed that only so much land as is absolutely necessary for kaval and other purposes may be reserved and the rest thrown open for cultivation.

(*b*) Since the Imperial Transport Department have ceased purchasing cattle from the Amrut Mahal Department and as the lands set apart for the Amrut Mahal Department are said to be not required by them, it is prayed that the kavals may be let out for cultivation.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) As regards land required for toddy groves, provision has been made in the rules issued under Government Order No. R. 1008-18—L. R.